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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1896-7.

Town Clerk—John H. Steele.

Town Treasurer—Lewis P. Wilson.

Selectmen—Howard M. Hersey, Ezra M. Smith, Charles B. Davis.

Supervisors of the Check List—Charles S. Pierce, Eben W. Jones, Arthur H. Miller.

Overseer of The Poor—George P. Dustan.

Auditors—Charles H. Brooks, William G. Livingston, Charles A. Jaquith.

Library Committee—Frank A. Hodgdon, Eben W. Jones, Clarence J. Allen.

Fire Wards—Henry B. Needham, Chief; John Scott, Charles N. Patterson, John W. Robbe, Frank I. Davis, Fred A. Tracy, Frank E. Russell.

Collector of Taxes—Owen A. Willey.

Sexton—Carl H. Foster.

Constable—Elijah A. Robbins.

Surveyors of Lumber—John E. Dunbar, Charles B. Sartell, Geo. F. Diamond, John W. Emmes, Christopher Decker, John W. Robbe, George H. Acker, H. W. Hill.

Corders of Wood—John W. Robbe, O. A. Willey, John W. Emmes, George F. Diamond, George H. Acker.

Police Officers—Henry T. Buckland, Chief; John W. Robbe, Alvin Townsend.

Cemetery Committee—Eben W. Jones, Carl H. Foster, George H. Foote.

Highway Agent—Milton E. Osborn.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Frank E. Taggart.

Fence Viewers—Eben W. Jones, Lewis E. Wilson.

Fish and Game Wardens—George W. Farrar, Henry T. Buckland, Albert S. Clark, W. H. H. Pritchard, Charles A. Jaquith.

Agent of the Town Clock—Alfred F. Grimes.

Putnam Grove Committee—Mortier L. Morrison, Lewis P. Wilson, Charles N. Patterson.

Liquor Agent—Charles McCoy.

Board of Health—Clarence J. Allen, James E. Saunders, George P. Dustan.

Public Weigher—James E. Saunders.

Janitor of Town Hall—Hiram T. Cram.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

School Board—Edwin H. Taylor, DeForest Safford, John H. Vincent.

Secretary—Jennie E. Field.

Treasurer—Nellie F. Cummings.

Auditors—M. L. Morrison, E. W. McIntosh.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

There has been since our last annual report no material change in our schools. We have retained, so far as possible, the teachers who have been with us in past years; being convinced that changes in our corps of teachers should be made only for imperative reasons. By this course we are sometimes subjected to sharp criticism from parents who have, or conceive that they have, just cause of complaint against some teacher. They forget that we must be guided by the general character of a teacher's work, and that it would be folly for us to discharge a really faithful and efficient teacher even though she may sometimes make a mistake.

As there have been but few radical changes during the year, we will only call attention to two things which may be of interest.

A criticism has been often heard in years past to the effect that the diplomas granted at the graduation from our High School did not necessarily represent much. That although the teachers may have been faithful and efficient and the curriculum a good one, so that the bright and studious pupils may have accomplished all that could be expected and thus have received an excellent mental discipline; yet that the indolent and the incompetent were allowed to slide along through the three or four years of the course, and finally with very limited attainments and feeble powers were permitted to graduate and receive their diplomas, thus in a great degree destroying their value to all receiving them.

Now, when under our very efficient teachers of the High School an opposite course is pursued, and no pupil is allowed to go on year after year in full class membership to the triumphant reception of a diploma without having accomplished a definite and acceptable amount of work, the opposite criticism is heard, to the effect that the requirements of the High School are so severe that many pupils cannot accomplish the work, and therefore have to drop out and thus are deprived of privileges to which they are entitled.

Without stopping at this time to discuss the reasonableness of either criticism, we merely call attention to the completely antagonistic and incompatible nature of the two and ask you to notice how impossible it is to satisfy both classes of complainants. It must be evident to the most casual glance that, in order to have diplomas represent valuable attainments and good, mental discipline, courses must be laid down and adhered to that will of necessity preclude some from ever obtaining those diplomas. Still it must be acknowledged that it does not seem just to exclude such from the advantages of the High School altogether. The only alternative seems to be to allow only such as shall have satisfactorily accomplished one of the two courses laid down to graduate; but at the same time to permit such as cannot, either from poor health or other reasons, accomplish the whole course to take part of the studies and thus have all the advantages of the High School that they are able to appropriate. However there is one class of students who may fairly be excluded from this privilege, viz., such as have both the ability and the health to master the entire curriculum, and who fail from sheer indolence or perhaps from not being allowed or encouraged by their parents to devote to study the necessary time at home; for let every one understand that it is a positive misfortune to have pupils thus irregular. They are usually in one class in one study and in another class in others. This makes it very difficult for the teachers to arrange their recitations and examinations, and in many other ways it is unfortunate to have irregular and partial course students; and this should be submitted to only on the plea of necessity, and not as a concession to indolence or paternal indifference.

Vertical Penmanship.

The only important change in studies or methods of instruction during the past year has been from the old slant style of penmanship to the vertical. This has been urged upon our attention for several years past, but having seen so many radical changes in educational methods proposed that afterwards proved to be passing fads of little value or positive harm; we naturally hesitated to depart from such an old and well-established system as the slant penmanship. However testimonies multiplied as to the value of the new method. We made particular inquiries and found that wherever a trial of it had been made, great satisfaction was expressed with the results obtained; and in no case, that we could hear of, was there any wish to return to the old system. Added to this was the argument, which to our minds was strongest of all, that young chil-

dren almost invariably form vertical letters and can only be brought to adopt the slant style after long and patient, and perhaps we might add, painful drill. Induced by these reasons we introduced the vertical system into our schools and have been pleased with the results obtained. It will probably never show such elegance as can be shown by an expert penman with the old style; but its essential excellences are greater ease of acquirement and clear-cut legibility. These are qualities which in this practical world and this utilitarian age will more than compensate for any possible lack of elegance.

We append the usual summary of books and supplies. The gathering the statistics for this from the different school rooms of the town and our general supply room, the estimating the value of books partly worn out and the summing up and condensing of these various items represent yearly quite a task and one not required by law, and yet it seems due to our tax payers that this should be given.

SUMMARY OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Value of books March, 1896,	760 39	
Value of maps, charts, apparatus and supplies, March, 1896,	175 00	
Paid for maps, charts, apparatus and supplies, (from town appropriation,)	537 55	
Paid for maps, charts, apparatus and supplies, (from books sold,)	31 40	
		1,504 34
Value of text books March, 1897,	722 77	
Value of books of reference March, 1897,	75 00	
Value of philosophical and other apparatus,	120 00	
Value of maps, charts and stationery,	80 00	
		997 77
Net cost of books, maps, charts, apparatus and supplies for the year ending March, 1897,		506 57

JOHN H. VINCENT,
EDWIN H. TAYLOR,
DE FORREST SAFFORD, } School Board.

TABULAR VIEW OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Schools	Teachers	Weeks of School	Whole Number of Pupils	Average No. of Pupils	Reading	Spelling	Arithmetic	Lang. Lessons or Gram.	Geography	Penmanship	Drawing	U. S. History	Composition	Physiology	English & Gen. History	Algebra	Geometry	Botany	Civil Government	Rhetoric	Literature	Latin	French	Wages Per Month
High	Principal, Aubrey B. Call																							114 29
	Assistant, Jennie H. Field	11	37	36	37		3						24	2	6	10	5	18	7	10	14	11	18	51 43
	Assistant, Evelyn A. Call																							32 00
Grammar	Mary E. Knight	10	29	28	29	29	29	19	29	29	29	29	29											40 00
Intermed'te	Abbie E. Howard	9	34	33	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34										36 00
2d Primary	Annie T. Washburn	10	31	29	31	31	31	31	31	31														36 00
1st "	Katie F. Taylor	10	71	66	71	71	71			71														36 00
	Assistant, Bertha H. Jaquith																							10 00
W. Gram'ar	Jennie A. Morrill	10	18	17	18	18	18	18	15	18		5	18											32 00
W. Primary	Jennie M. Vinall	10	35	33	35	23	23			35														28 00
South	Mrs. D. L. Crosby	10	27	25	24	21	27	13	8	24		8	13											34 00
North	Abbie S. Meader	10	15	14	15	11	15		10	10		3						10						32 00
Valley	Annie M. Colburn	10	14	14	14	14	14	10	10	14	2													28 00
Wilson	Julia A. Moore	10	10	10	10	10	10	7	6	10		2	7											28 00
East	Edith M. Lynch	9	12	10	12	9	12	1	3	12	5	1	1											20 00

TABULAR VIEW OF FALL SCHOOLS.

Schools	Teachers	Weeks of School	Whole Number of Pupils	Average No. of Pupils	Reading	Spelling	Arithmetic	Language, or Grammar	Geography	Penmanship	Drawing	U. S. History	Composition	Physiology	English & Gen. History	Algebra	Geometry	Astronomy	Geology	Rhetoric	Literature	Latin	French	Physics	Greek	Wages Per Month
High	Prin., Aubrey B. Call																									114 29
	Asst., Jennie H. Field	12	35	34	35								11	11	5	18	4	3	3	5	6	26	9	3	1	51 43
	Asst., Evelyn A. Call																									32 00
Grammar	Abbie E. Howard	10	24	23	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24													36 00
Intermed'te	Mrs. D. L. Crosby	10	44	42	44	44	44	44	44	44		25	44													36 00
2d Primary	Annie T. Washburn	10	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31																36 00
1st "	Katie F. Taylor	10	70	65	70	70	70			70																36 00
	Asst., Bertha H. Jaquith																									14 00
W. Gram'ar	Jennie A. Morrill	10	25	24	25	25	24	25	14	25		6	25													32 00
W. Primary	Jennie M. Vinall	10	30	28	30	30	30	7		30																28 00
South	Julia A. Moore	10	23	21	23	23	23	7	6	23		5														32 00
North	Abbie S. Meader	10	15	13	15	11	15	8	10	15		4														32 00
Valley	Annie M. Colburn	10	16	15	16	16	16	8	9	16	9	1														30 00
Wilson	Maude L. Safford	10	12	10	12	12	12	4	5	12		1														24 00
East	Mary E. Hunt	9	8	7	8	5	8	3	4	8		1														24 00

TABULAR VIEW OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

Schools	Teachers	Weeks of School	Whole Number of Pupils	Average No. of Pupils	Reading	Spelling	Arithmetic	Lang. Lessons or Gram.	Geography	Penmanship	Drawing	U. S. History	Composition	Physiology	English & Gen. History	Algebra	Geometry	Physics	Geology	Rhetoric	Literature	Latin	French	Greek	Zoology	Book Keeping	Wages Per Month
High	Prin., Aubrey B. Call																										114 29
	Asst., Jennie H. Field	12	35	34	35								24		10	17	4	2	2	20	5	26	9	1	2	6	60 00
	Asst., Evelyn A. Call																										32 00
Grammar	Abbie E. Howard	10	26	24	25	24	26	25	24	25		26	26														36 00
Intermed'te	Mrs. D. L. Crosby	10	38	37	38	38	38	38	38	38		20	38														36 00
2d Primary	Annie T. Washburn	10	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31																	36 00
1st "	Katie F. Taylor	10	65	57	65	65	65			65																	36 00
	Asst., Bertha Jaquith																										14 00
W. Gram'ar	Jennie A. Morrill	10	27	25	27	27	27	27	27	27		6	27														32 00
W. Primary	Jennie M. Vinall	10	23	20	23	23	23	5		23																	30 00
South	Julia A. Moore	10	13	12	13	13	13	5	5	13		3															32 00
North	Abbie S. Meader	10	18	14	18	13	18	4	7	14		4															32 00
Valley	Annie M. Colburn	10	16	13	16	16	16	8	10	16		1															30 00
Wilson	Maude L. Safford	6	11	9	11	11	11	4	3	11		2															24 00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER.

NELLIE F. CUMMINGS, Treasurer, in account with the School District of Peterboro, on account of Insurance.

RECEIPTS.

Cash of Town of Peterboro,		120 00

EXPENDITURES.

F. G. Clarke, insurance,	60 00	
R. B. Hatch, "	60 00	
		120 00

NELLIE F. CUMMINGS, Treasurer, in account with the School District of Peterboro, on account of Repairs.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	1 20	
Cash of Town of Peterboro,	75 00	
		76 20

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. H. Vinall, labor and stock,	2 00	
Geo. E. Bagley, repairs,	60	
Charles Wilder, "	2 45	
Edwin J. Downing, "	18 00	
D. F. Nelson, "	10 85	
E. A. Alexander, "	4 95	
Geo. W. Vinall, "	2 75	
E. J. Downing, "	1 50	
Martin White, "	4 55	
L. E. Wilson, "	7 24	
D. J. Crosby, "	1 00	
Chas. Gibson, "	1 00	
Chas. A. Clark, "	3 60	
Geo. H. Vinall, "	6 69	
Martin White, "	7 00	
J. A. Green, "	35	
Cash on hand,	1 67	
		76 20

NELLIE F. CUMMINGS, Treasurer, in account with the School District of Peterboro, on account of Books and Supplies.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	9 91	
Cash of Town of Peterboro,	200 00	
Cash of Werner Co., books returned,	19 40	
Cash for books sold,	15	
" "	55	
" "	1 25	
" "	8 60	
" "	20	
Cash of town of Peterboro,	350 00	
Cash for books sold,	1 25	
		591 31

EXPENDITURES.

Boston School Supply Co., books,	81 54	
Werner Co., "	63 00	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., "	58 39	
Maynard, Merrill & Co., "	3 50	
Henry Holt & Co., "	4 08	
Silver, Burdette & Co., "	1 80	
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., microscope,	11 44	
University Pub. Co., books,	2 56	
Ginn & Co., "	9 17	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, "	68 34	
Ginn & Co., "	23 05	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., " and supplies,	55 80	
Ginn & Co., "	27 89	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., "	26 25	
Thompson, Brown & Co., "	4 67	
J. L. Hammett, "	19 61	
Maynard, Merrill & Co., "	30 96	
A. B. Call, supplies,	6 00	
Zeigler Electric Co., rep. electric machine,	6 80	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., books,	6 55	
Ginn & Co., "	18 00	
Boston School Supply Co., "	4 50	
Mary R. Crosby, "	50	
C. A. Baldwin, express,	60	
" " "	75	
" " "	95	
F. K. Longley, freight,	35	
C. A. Baldwin, express,	90	
New England Newspaper Syndicate, dictionary,	31 00	
Cash on hand,	22 36	
		591 31

NELLIE F. CUMMINGS, Treasurer, in account with the School District of Peterboro,

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	58 62	
Cash of Town of Peterboro,	296 57	
" " "	500 00	
Cash of L. F. Richardson, tuition,	5 00	
Cash of Town of Peterboro,	1,500 00	
" " "	400 00	
Cash of L. F. Richardson, tuition,	8 50	
Cash of Town of Peterboro,	1,600 00	
" " "	1,073 70	
		5,442 39

EXPENDITURES.

Abbie E. Howard, teaching,	90 00
Wm. Moore, wood,	9 00
Hiram Todd, sawing wood,	1 00
Joel T. Brackett, care of school house,	2 00
Joel T. Brackett, wood,	6 50
Edward Guay, janitor,	13 75
C. A. Baldwin, express,	1 85
Gertrude L. Hall, teaching,	18 00
Jennie H. Field, "	25 00
A. B. Call, "	55 56
Mrs. A. B. Call, "	16 00
A. Townsend, coal,	195 00
A. Townsend, wood,	57 00
A. Townsend, coal,	20 93
Mrs. D. L. Crosby, teacher,	85 00
May E. Knight, "	100 00
W. Dupree, labor,	5 25
C. A. Baldwin, express,	90
Eliza A. Piper, labor and material,	7 65
W. Dupree, labor,	2 50
Frank Lebarge, "	6 00
Edward Guay, janitor,	25 00
Kate Taylor, teaching,	90 00
Abbie S. Meader, "	80 00
Bertha H. Jaquith, "	25 00
A. B. Call, "	333 33
Mrs. A. B. Call, "	88 00
Jennie H. Field, "	150 00
Julia A. Moore, "	70 00
Jennie A. Morrill, "	80 00
Jennie M. Vinall, "	56 00
Robert Paquet, janitor,	5 00
Edith M. Lynch, teaching,	45 00
Samuel P. Longley, conveying child,	13 50
C. A. Baldwin, express,	95
Annie M. Colburn, teaching,	70 00
George Burke, conveying scholars,	10 00

Edward Guay, janitor,	54 25
John T. Ellsworth, janitor,	2 00
Annie T. Washburn, teaching,	88 00
Edward Vose, janitor,	3 00
Joel T. Brackett, care of house and wood,	8 00
J. Q. Adams, wood,	16 00
E. W. Hadley, conveying scholars,	30 00
Edward Guay, expense cleaning school house,	29 25
" " labor,	8 75
C. A. Baldwin, express,	75
Howard & Brown, diplomas,	3 90
Abbie E. Howard, teaching,	81 00
S. W. Vose, wood,	18 50
R. J. Kimball, maps,	2 00
Mrs. D. L. Crosby, teaching,	90 00
F. K. Longley, freight,	37
Abbie S. Meader, teaching,	80 00
Katie F. Taylor, "	90 00
Edward Guay, janitor,	25 00
Charles A. Bragdon, wood,	3 00
C. A. Baldwin, express,	1 50
Abbie E. Howard, teaching,	90 00
Kimball Davis, labor,	2 00
Annie M. Colburn, teaching,	75 00
A. B. Call, "	333 33
Mrs. A. B. Call, "	96 00
Jennie H. Field, "	150 00
Annie T. Washburn, "	90 00
Bertha H. Jaquith, "	35 00
Jennie A. Morrill, "	80 00
Jennie M. Vinall, "	70 00
Robert J. Paquet, janitor,	5 00
Mary E. Hunt, teaching,	54 00
Ralph H. Ames, janitor,	2 00
Julia A. Moore, teaching,	80 00
Maud Safford, "	60 00
Edward Guay, janitor,	51 90
Samuel P. Longley, conveying child,	10 00
E. W. Hadley, " scholars,	30 00
John T. Ellsworth, janitor,	2 00
Clarence E. Hunt "	4 00
Willie Safford, "	2 00
G. B. Burke, conveying scholars,	26 00
Jennie M. Vinall, cleaning school house,	4 00
C. A. Baldwin, express,	1 20
A. Burke, wood,	6 00
Alice Burke, cleaning school house,	3 00
Mrs. D. L. Crosby, teaching,	81 00
J. T. Brackett, wood,	5 50
Abbie S. Meader, teaching,	80 00
S. Tenney & Son, curtains,	6 20
Smith Bros., supplies,	1 88
S. Anderson & Son, kindlings and labor,	4 78
Katie F. Taylor, teaching,	90 00

School District of Hancock, tuition,	11 25	
Maud L. Safford, teaching,	36 00	
Charles Wilder, wood,	5 75	
A. Townsend, coal,	116 25	
Julia A. Moore, teaching,	80 00	
Robert J. Paquet, janitor,	5 00	
Wm. J. Fitzgerald, "	2 50	
Geo. G. Burke, conveying scholars,	32 50	
F. J. Robbins, brooms,	1 25	
Geo. W. Vinall, kindlings,	3 75	
John Scott, printing,	17 70	
Jennie M. Vinall, teaching,	75 00	
Annie M. Colburn, "	75 00	
Edward Guay, janitor,	56 25	
B. F. Hall, work,	1 50	
Nichols Bros., supplies,	23 55	
Wm. Moore, wood,	6 75	
Walbridge & Taylor, supplies,	11 81	
Jennie A. Morrill, teaching,	80 00	
Ralph H. Ames, janitor,	2 00	
H. B. Needham, basket,	55	
Bertha Jaquith, teaching,	35 00	
Annie T. Washburn, "	90 00	
Abbie E. Howard, "	90 00	
Mrs. A. B. Call, "	72 00	
A. B. Call, "	250 00	
Mrs. Geo. R. Peasley, boarding Ana Hadley,	15 00	
Clarence E. Hunt, janitor,	5 00	
Jennie H. Field, teaching,	80 00	
Cash on hand,	33 30	
		5,442 39

NELLIE F. CUMMINGS, Treasurer.

Peterboro, N. H., Feb. 20, 1897.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the School District of the Town of Peterboro, pages 160 to 175, inclusive, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, showing a balance of cash in her hands on account of repairs of one and 67-100 dollars.

On account of books and supplies of twenty-two and 36-100 dollars.

On account of general school fund of thirty-three and 30-100 dollars.

We find that orders have been drawn to the amount of twenty dollars, which have not been presented for payment.

THOMAS B. TUCKER, }
EBEN W. JONES, } Auditors.

Peterboro, N. H., Feb. 20, 1897.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of volumes reported Feb. 15, 1896,	7,890
" " added during the year,	373
" " worn out,	23
" " lost,	2
" " in library at present,	8,238
Acquired by purchase,	302
" " gift,	71

Periodicals bought for the reading room, 1896:

MONTHLY—Ladies' Home Journal, Carpentry and Building, Scribner's, St. Nicholas, Century, Harper's Monthly, Popular Science Monthly, Granite Monthly, American Kitchen, Outing, Cosmopolitan, Forum, New England, Arena, Peterson, North American Review, Review of Reviews.

WEEKLY—Independent Statesman, Mirror and Farmer Weekly Union, Puck, Judge, Harper's Bazar, Harper's Weekly, Public Opinion, Nation, New York Tribune, Youth's Companion, Scientific American.

FORTNIGHTLY—Farm Poultry.

The following gifts are gratefully acknowledged:

	VOLS.
Andrew Carnegie,	1
Salem Public Library,	1
East Jaffrey Public Library,	1
Trustees of James Smith fund,	12
John Scott,	2
Donor unknown,	1
J. P. Cooke,	1
Mrs. J. B. Sanborn,	5
Benjamin Shaw,	2
Mrs. Perkins Bass,	3
Mrs. E. J. Hale,	1
Miss M. Morrison,	1
G. F. Willey,	1
State of New Hampshire,	9
U. S. government,	34
Miss Ruth Field,	1
W. S. Secombe,	1

Gifts to the reading room:

Peterboro' Transcript by John Scott, Union Signal by W. C. T. U., Herd Register by W. H. Caldwell, Christian Register by Peterboro branch of Women's Alliance, The Watchman by Charles Wilder, Pacific Northwest by publishers, Congressional Globe.

Whole number of volumes issued during the year,	12,094
Largest circulation in any one month, (March '96),	1,296
Average daily circulation,	33+
Reading room attendance during the year,	12,206
Largest attendance any one month, (March '96),	1,347
Average daily attendance,	34+

Classified Circulation.

General works,	262	Useful arts,	170
Philosophy,	55	Fine arts,	87
Theology,	71	Literature,	444
Sociology,	156	History and biography,	1,002
Philology,	8	Fiction,	8,533
Natural Science,	92	Periodicals (unbound),	1,214

EVA E. COFFIN, Librarian.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Dr.

Balance from last year,	35 49	
Fines collected by librarian,	38 00	
Received for lost and damaged books,	4 34	
Received from sale of books, book lists and cards,	6 81	
		84 64

Cr.

Paid A. Taggart, care aqueduct for 1895,	50	
D. M. Dillon, repairing boiler,	5 88	
Jordan & Marsh, books,	5 12	
F. E. Taggart, labor,	2 50	
J. P. Welch, book,	3 00	
Dumas & Co., binding,	6 50	
A. Townsend, sprinkling street,	5 00	
S. Anderson, labor,	2 80	
A. T. Hovey, repairing lawn,	4 69	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	3 94	
Freight on books,	95	
Mrs. E. E. Coffin, incidentals,	15 82	
E. W. Jones, incidentals,	7 30	
F. E. Taggart, pail and brush,	1 17	
Cash on hand,	19 47	
		84 64

C. J. ALLEN, } Library
E. W. JONES, } Committee.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RENDERED FEB. 15, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Amount of tax list April 1, 1896,	$24,227 92	
Amount of tax list after April 1, 1896,	84 57	
State of New Hampshire, insurance tax,	272 25	
" " " railroad tax,	799 19	
" " " savings bank tax,	3,787 82	
" " " literary fund,	273 70	
First National Bank, borrowed money,	8,000 00	
Billiard and pool table licenses,	70 00	
B. M. Beers, janitor town hall,	3 05	
H. T. Cram, " "	236 50	
E. W. Jones, special justice police court,	9 00	
Cohen & Quint, rent of store,	200 00	
John R. Miller & Son, " "	200 00	
Walbridge & Taylor, " "	400 00	
Lamp posts and lamps sold,	7 95	
Road machine sold, by vote,	16 00	
Merry-go-round license,	6 50	
Show licenses,	13 00	
Washburn circus license,	12 00	
Pine Hill cemetery, wood,	2 75	
William Holden, sheep killed by his dog,	20 00	
Water commissioners, materials sold,	71 96	
Water commissioners, water rents,	77 25	
Addie C. Leathe, use of piano,	65	
Charles McCoy, liquor agent,	466 77	
		39,258 83

EXPENDITURES.

Tax list April 1, 1896, committed to O. A. Willey,	24,227 92	
Tax list after April 1, 1896, committed to O. A. Willey,	84 57	
Paid town treasurer:		
State of New Hampshire, insurance tax,	272 25	
" " " railroad tax,	799 19	
" " " savings bank tax,	3,787 82	
" " " literary fund,	273 70	
First National Bank, borrowed money,	8,000 00	
Billiard and pool table licenses,	70 00	
B. M. Beers, janitor of town hall,	3 05	
H. T. Cram, janitor of town hall,	236 50	
E. W. Jones, special justice of police court,	9 00	
Cohen & Quint, rent of store,	200 00	
J. R. Miller & Son, rent of store,	200 00	

Walbridge & Taylor, rent of store,	400 00	
Lamp posts and lamps sold,	7 95	
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Shows, license,	13 00	
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Water commissioners, material sold,	71 96	
Water commissioners, water rents,	77 25	
Addie C. Leathe, use of piano,	65	
Charles McCoy, liquor agent,	466 77	
		39,258 83

Schools.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	4,800 00	
Literary fund,	273 70	
Transferred from sheep killed by dogs,	296 57	
		5,370 27

Expenditures.

Nellie F. Cummings, treasurer,	5,370 27

Repairs on School House in East District.

Receipts.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	80 00

Expenditures.

Nothing.	
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,	80 00

Repairs on School Houses.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	75 00

Expenditures.

Nellie F. Cummings, treasurer,	75 00

Insurance on School Houses.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	120 00

Expenditures.

Nellie F. Cummings,	120 00

School Books and Supplies.

Receipts.

Appropriation,		550 00

Expenditures.

Nellie F. Cummings, treasurer,		550 00

Grand Army.

Receipts.

Appropriation,		75 00

Expenditures.

H. T. Cram, Q. M.,		75 00

Town Library.

Receipts.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	196 92	
Appropriation,	800 00	
		996 92

Expenditures.

Eva E. Coffin, librarian, salary,	400 00	
J. H. Steele, magazines, papers, &c.,	71 88	
Estes & Lauriat, books, &c.,	206 22	
Nichols Bros., pipe, labor, &c.,	28 47	
A. T. Hovey, coal,	46 27	
Alvin Townsend, coal and wood,	73 34	
John Scott, printing,	14 90	
Stockbridge & Sanders, binding,	21 31	
		862 39
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		134 53

Highways.

Receipts.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	238 62	
Appropriation,	3,552 93	
		3,801 55

Expenditures.

Transferred by vote to concrete Pine street,	204 88	
M. E. Osborn, Agent,	3,115 65	
		3,320 53
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		481 02

To Straighten Summer Street.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,		100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Nothing.		
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		100 00

Concrete on Pine Street.

RECEIPTS.

Transferred by vote from highways,		204 88

EXPENDITURES.

M. E. Osborn, Agent,		204 88

Electric Lights.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	112 85	
Balance, extension acct., Feb. 15, 1896,	109 25	
Appropriation,	1,250 00	
Appropriation, extension Union and Prospect Sts.,	65 00	
		1,537 10

EXPENDITURES.

Peterboro E. L. P. & H. Co., to March 1, 1897,		1,506 84
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		30 26

Extension of Electric Lights.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,		109 25

EXPENDITURES.

Transferred to electric lights,		109 25

Wiring Town Hall and Library.

RECEIPTS.

Transferred by vote from incidentals,		2 97

EXPENDITURES.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,		2 97

Building New Highway.

RECEIPTS.

Transferred by vote from incidentals,		250 00

EXPENDITURES.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,		250 00

Fire Department.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	21 98	
Appropriation,	500 00	
		521 98

EXPENDITUEES.

Bay State Belting Co., hose, etc.,	50 77	
E. M. Robbins, steward,	12 00	
A. E. Frederick, Hook & Ladder Co.,	51 00	
J. J. Madden, Deluge Co.,	72 50	
Smith Bros., wrench,	60	
H. B. Needham, Chief, salary,	35 00	
G. W. Farrar & Son, wrenches,	4 50	
J. R. Miller & Son, oil,	5 42	
F. H. Osborn, Aquarius Co.,	181 11	
D. M. White, insurance,	20 00	
Bay State Belting Co., hose,	50 00	
		482 90
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		39 08

Paupers.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	124 45	
Appropriation,	350 00	
		474 45

EXPENDITURES.

G. P. Dustan, Overseer,		474 45

Putnam Park.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,		333 64

EXPENDITURES.

J. C. Parsons, labor,		5 25
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		328 39

Pine Hill Cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	588 65	
Wood sold,	2 75	
Sale of lots,	105 00	
		696 40

EXPENDITURES.

G. H. Foote, labor, etc.,	90 36	
Nichols Bros., pipe and labor,	30 52	
H. M. Hersey, markers,	3 00	
C. W. Hunter, labor,	1 05	
		124 93
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		571 47

Sheep Killed by Dogs.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	296 57	
License on dogs,	305 68	
William Holden, sheep killed by his dog,	20 00	
		622 25

EXPENDITURES.

Transferred by vote to schools,	296 57	
C. W. Hunter, sheep killed,	20 00	
W. E. Shattuck, sheep killed,	5 00	
H. T. Buckland, dog police,	7 50	
A. Townsend, dog police	7 50	
		336 57
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		285 68

To Mark the Site of the Old Meeting House.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	40 00

EXPENDITURES.

Nothing.

Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,	40 00

Board of Trade.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	210 13

EXPENDITURES.

Nothing.

Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,	210 13

Town Officers.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	600 00	
Transferred by vote from incidentals,	600 00	
		1,200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	50 48	
C. H. Foster, sexton,	145 00	
S. W. Nichols, selectman, 1895,	12 00	
J. E. Saunders, board of health,	15 00	
C. J. Allen, " "	25 00	
G. P. Dustan, " "	25 00	
J. W. Robbe, police,	25 00	
H. T. Buckland, "	25 00	
Alvin Townsend, "	25 00	
J. H. Steele, town clerk,	86 58	
A. H. Miller, supervisor, 1895–1896,	10 00	
E. W. Jones, supervisor, 1896,	5 00	
C. S. Pierce, supervisor, 1896,	5 00	
E. H. Taylor, school board,	33 33	
DeForest Safford, school board,	33 33	
J. H. Vincent, school board,	33 34	
Nellie F. Cummings, school treasurer,	15 00	
O. A. Willey, collector,	175 00	
L. P. Wilson, treasurer,	75 00	
Charles McCoy, liquor agent,	250 00	
H. M. Hersey, selectman,	123 00	
E. M. Smith, "	83 00	
C. B. Davis, "	74 50	
		1,349 56
Balance against this account Feb. 15, 1897,		149 56

Incidentals.

RECEIPTS.

State of New Hampshire, insurance tax,	272 25	
State of New Hampshire, railroad tax,	799 19	
State of New Hampshire, savings bank tax,	3,787 82	
Billiard and pool table licenses,	70 00	
B. M. Beers, janitor, rent town hall,	3 05	
H. T. Cram, " "	236 50	
E. W. Jones, special justice police court,	9 00	
Lamp posts, sold by vote,	7 95	
Road machine, sold by vote,	16 00	
Shows, licenses,	31 50	
Addie C. Leathe, use of piano,	65	
Cohen & Quint, rent of store,	200 00	
J. R. Miller & Son., "	200 00	
Walbridge & Taylor, "	400 00	
Charles McCoy, liquor agent,	466 77	
		6,500 68

EXPENDITURES.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	2,046 88	
Transferred by vote to wiring town hall and library,	2 97	
Transferred by vote to building new highways,	250 00	
Transferred by vote to town officers,	600 00	
Transferred by vote to pay town debt,	2,200 00	
John Scott, printing reports, &c ,	108 25	
C. A. Baldwin, weather signals,	8 85	
G. H. Foote, care Job Hill burial lot.	3 75	
" " " D. B. Cutter burial lot,	11 00	
" " " John Parker burial lot,	2 25	
" " " labor on tomb,	1 50	
" " labor in village cemetery,	23 88	
C. J. Allen, money advanced to board of health,	10 00	
" " balance, board of health,	3 60	
Julia A. Ames, running water through her land,	5 00	
E. A. Robbins & Son, pipe and labor, library wall.	39 35	
G. W. Vinall, lumber and labor, " "	16 89	
J. M. White, painting rail, " "	5 25	
M. E. Osborn, labor, library wall,	5 90	
F. H. Coffin & Co., rubber stamp,	35	
T. D. Luce, appointing election inspectors,	1 70	
Woman's Relief Corps, meals for fall election,	27 75	
John Scott, printing invoice, &c.,	97 00	
E. W. Jones, use Unitarian bell,	10 00	
A. F. Grimes, care of clock,	25 00	
S. W. Nichols, trip to Manchester as overseer of poor,	4 78	
Nichols Bros., pipe, &c., watering tub on Union St.,	10 26	
G. W. Farrar & Son., repairs on hearse,	10 65	
J. H. Steele, books, papers, &c.,	6 37	
O. A. Willey, stamps and envelopes as collector,	14 49	
A. Townsend, storing lamp posts,	1 00	
O. A. Willey, error on taxes, 1895,	4 10	
F. A. Hodgdon, returning births and deaths,	5 75	
C. H. Cutler, " " "	2 50	
C. J. Allen, " " "	12 25	
B. L. Talbot, " " "	25	
H. Martin Morse, " " "	4 50	
D. M. White, insurance on town hall,	58 05	
R. B. Hatch, " "	67 50	
F. G. Clarke, " "	71 55	
Nichols Bros., pipe and labor,	8 08	
F. P. Wilson, fixing for water, town hall,	2 50	
S G. White, labor, "	2 98	
L. E. Wilson, glass, "	4 60	
C. B. Davis, wood for lobby,	6 50	
A. M. Caldwell, water, town hall,	7 50	
H. T. Cram, services as janitor, town hall,	65 75	
H. T. Cram, paid out, wood, &c., "	49 64	
L. P. Wilson, expense of getting bonds,	12 75	
H. M. Hersey, teams,	8 75	
C. B. Davis, "	5 50	
Charles McCoy, paid for U. S. license,	25 00	
		5,980 67
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		520 01

Fund for Payment of Town Debt and Interest.

RECEIPTS

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	275 62	
Appropriation,	2,500 00	
Transferred by vote from Incidentals,	2,200 00	
		4,975 62

EXPENDITURES.

Town bonds paid,	2,800 00	
Notes First National Bank paid,	2,500 00	
Coupons paid,	1,910 00	
Interest paid on notes.	311 83	
		7,521 83
Balance against this account Feb. 15, 1897,		2,546 21

Town Water System.

RECEIPTS.

Bonds issued and sold,	50,600 00	
Water commissioners, material sold,	71 96	
" " water rent,	77 25	
		50,749 21

EXPENDITURES.

John Scott, printing receipts,	2 00	
J. F. Babcock, analyzing water,	25 00	
Daniels & Downs, writing specifications,	18 00	
E. R. Angell, analyzing water,	3 30	
A. C. Wheelwright, land damage,	200 00	
Curtis F. Flagg, " "	25 00	
George P. Cummings, " "	50 00	
Elijah Woodward, " "	50 00	
John Stone, " "	50 00	
George S. Morrison, " "	115 00	
George H. Scripture, " "	1,000 00	
P. C. Cheney, trustee, land damage,	70 00	
Hubert Brennan, " "	25 00	
Boston Bank Note and Lithographing Co.,	90 00	
Bartlett & Gay, engineers,	2,300 00	
The C. H. Eglee Co., contractors,	45,500 00	
John Scott, advertising,	3 50	
S. Anderson & Son, labor and materials,	25 33	
H. F. Nichols, teams,	12 00	
Alvin Townsend, labor,	36 40	
R. B. Hatch, advice,	6 00	
S. W. Nichols, pipes, etc.,	37 75	
T. B. Tucker, paid for labor,	22 05	
T. B. Tucker, labor,	58 75	
A. J. Walbridge, paid for labor,	21 65	
A. J. Walbridge, labor,	11 50	
E. W. Jones, paid for labor,	20 38	
E. W. Jones, labor,	171 50	
John Scott, printing,	11 00	
D. M. White, services as clerk and money paid out,	49 51	
Water commissioners' services,	150 00	
		50,160 62
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		588 59

The town authorized the Selectmen to issue not exceeding $60,000 in bonds. That amount was printed and we have $9,400 of bonds printed and on hand, but not signed or sold.

Interest on Water Works.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		900 00

EXPENDITURES.

Solon Tarbell,	88	
H. F. Buchanan,	2 65	
Isaac Pettengill,	2 88	
E. W, Jones,	2 25	
Flora L. Burns,	75	
Coupons,	687 00	
		696 41
Balance due this account Feb. 15, 1897,		203 59

Tax Collector's Accounts.

O. A. WILLEY, Collector, in account with the town of Peterboro.

DR.

To uncollected taxes Feb. 15, 1896—1895 list,	1,171 23	
Interest collected,	53 35	
		1,224 58

CR.

Paid treasurer,	1,149 06	
Abated,	75 52	
		1,224 58

DR.

To tax list April 1, 1896,	24,227 92	
To tax list after April 1, 1896,	84 57	
Interest collected,	31 44	
		24,343 93

CR.

Paid treasurer,	22,557 54	
Abated,	385 28	
Uncollected Feb. 15, 1897,	1,401 11	
		24,343 93

Abatements.

Abated from O. A. Willey's list for 1895.

W. E. Shattuck, poll over 70,	1 64
A. W. Noone, overvaluation,	44 44
Alic Clark, left town,	1 64
Charles Clark, " "	1 64
James E. Clinton, " "	1 64
Louie J. Dean, " "	1 64
Noble Follansbee, charity,	5 58

Desire Fonier,	left town,	1 64	
John Galagher,	" "	1 64	
Andrew Hildreth,	" "	1 64	
Edward McLoughin,	" "	1 64	
Albert L. Moore,	" "	1 64	
John F. Murry,	" "	1 64	
Charles E. Parker,	" "	1 64	
Esther W. Towne,	charity,	4 21	
Edward Kenney,	"	1 61	
			75 52

Abated from O. A. Willey's list for 1896.

S. Tenney,	water trough,	1 50	
Mary Holt,	" "	3 00	
W. H. Caldwell,	" "	3 00	
J. F. Alexander,	" "	1 50	
Joseph Jarvais,	" "	3 00	
G. F. Diamond,	" "	3 00	
C. A. Jaquith,	" "	3 00	
A. W. Mitchell,	over valuation real estate,	3 40	
Helen M. Young,	" " " "	1 70	
John Rourke,	carriage, poll over 70,	2 55	
H. T. Cram,	soldier,	1 70	
H. S. Brady,	poll over 70,	1 70	
Julia A. Davis,	error interest money,	13 60	
Phoenix Factory,	over valuation mill,	136 00	
Union Company,	" " "	110 50	
F. L. Bragdon & Co.,	error making blank,	17 00	
Gilbert H. Black,	left town,	10 62	
George Burk,	minor,	1 70	
Charles A. Clark,	soldier,	1 70	
Louie J. Dean,	paid in Mass.,	1 70	
John E. Downes,	" " "	1 70	
Will B. Driscoll,	minor,	1 70	
Arthur M. Emmes,	paid in Mass.,	1 70	
Noble Follansbee,	charity,	5 10	
Thomas Follansbee,	charity,	3 40	
Zepher Fontain,	left town,	1 70	
Frank W. Harris,	" "	1 70	
Andrew Hildreth,	" "	1 70	
Samuel R. Howe,	charity,	2 12	
James Johnson,	left town,	1 70	
Fred Jutres,	" "	1 70	
William J. Miller,	" "	1 70	
Charles E. Parker,	" "	1 70	
William H. Scott,	charity,	14 45	
Charles L. Smith,	left town,	3 49	
Charles Silver,	" "	2 04	
Will J. Story,	paid in Nelson,	1 70	
Henry E. Todd,	left town,	1 70	
Hiram W. Todd,	left town,	1 70	
Esther W. Towne,	charity,	3 91	
Conrad Vetter,	left town,	1 70	
George A. Wilkins,	left town,	1 70	
William T. Gould,	charity,	1 70	
G. A. & E. K. Upton,	taxed to S. J. Stearns,	1 70	
			385 28

Recapitulation.

Orders drawn during the year ending Feb. 15, 1897.

Schools,	5,370 27	
Repairs on School houses,	75 00	
Insurance on school houses,	120 00	
School books and supplies,	550 00	
Grand Army,	75 00	
Town Library,	862 39	
Highways,	3,115 65	
Concrete on Pine street,	204 88	
Electric Lights,	1,506 84	
Fire department,	482 90	
Paupers,	474 45	
Putnam Park,	5 25	
Pine Hill Cemetery,	124 93	
Sheep killed by dogs,	40 00	
Town officers,	1,299 08	
Incidentals,	880 82	
Town water system,	50,160 62	
Interest on water works,	9 41	
		65,357 49

Liabilities and Resources, of the Town Feb. 15, 1897.

Liabilities.

Town Bonds,	34,300 00	
Interest on same at 5 per cent,	214 37	
Coupons due and unpaid,	225 00	
Orders due and unpaid,	303 17	
Water works bonds,	50,600 00	
Coupons on water bonds, due and unpaid,	72 00	
Trust funds,	2,050 00	
		87,764 54

Resources.

Money in treasury,	3,122 29	
Peterboro Savings Bank book,	155 32	
Execution against J. F. Noone,	48 80	
Uncollected taxes,	1,401 11	
Money, etc., in hands of liquor agent,	533 86	
Trust Funds,	2,050 00	
		7 311 38

Abstract of the Annual Invoice and Assessment of Taxes, 1896.

Value of real estate,		899,849 00	
Horses,	523	29,065 00	
Oxen,	39	1,918 00	
Cows,	549	14,854 00	
Neat Stock,	7	168 00	
Sheep,	78	176 00	
Carriages,	35	2,515 00	
Stock in public funds,		8,350 00	
Stock in banks and other corporations in the state,		60,513 00	
Stock in corporations out of the state,		12,500 00	
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,		115,312 00	
Stock in trade,		88,452 00	
Mills, factories and other machinery,		132,200 00	
Polls,		59,300 00	
			1,425,172 00
Town appropriation,		23,733 94	
Added for abatements,		493 98	
			24,227 92
Rate of taxation, $17.00 on $1000.			
Assessed after April,			84 57

Insurance on Town Property.

Amt. of Insurance	Property Insured	When Expiring
10,000 00	Town Hall	July 1, 1897
1,500 00	" "	July 2, 1897
3,000 00	" "	Aug. 11, 1897
1,600 00	Fire Department	Feb. 25, 1898

Appropriations and Expenditures.

Accounts	Appropriations and Receipts	Expenditures and Transfers	Unexpended	Deficiency	Appropriations recommended
Schools	5,370 27	5,370 27			*4,800 00
Repairs on School Houses	75 00	75 00			
Repairs on School House East District	80 00		80 00		
Insurance on School Houses	120 00	120 00			
School books and supplies	550 00	550 00			
Grand Army	75 00	75 00			
Public Library	996 92	862 39	134 53		800 00
Highways	3,801 55	3,320 53	481 02		†
Straighten Summer street	100 00		100 00		
Concrete Pine street	204 88	204 88			
Electric Lights	1,537 10	1,506 84	30 26		1,450 00
Extension Electric Lights	109 25	109 25			
Wiring Town Hall	2 97	2 97			
Building New Highways	250 00	250 00			
Fire Department	521 98	482 90	39 08		
Paupers	474 45	474 45			350 00
Putnam Park	333 64	5 25	328 39		
Pine Hill Cemetery	696 40	124 93	571 47		
Sheep Killed by Dogs	622 25	336 57	285 68		
Mark Site Old Meeting House	40 00		40 00		
Board of Trade	210 13		210 13		
Town Officers	1,200 00	1,349 56		149 56	A 600 00
Incidentals	6,500 68	5,980 67	520 01		‡
Fund Paym't Town Debt and Interest	4,975 62	7,521 83		2,546 21	§4,500 00
Town Water System	50,749 21	50,160 00	588 59		3,000 00
Interest on Water Debt	900 00	696 41	203 59		1,500 00

*The literary fund and balance of account of sheep killed by dogs.

†Amount required by law.

A $800 transferred from incidentals.

‡All money received except from taxation.

§ $3000 transferred from incidentals.

Trust Funds.

The Osgood Fund of 1,000 is deposited in the Peterboro Savings bank and the interest is to be devoted to the aid of the worthy poor.

The Parker Fund of $100 is deposited in the Peterboro Savings bank and the interest is to be used in the care of the burial lot in which Dr. David M. Parker and others are buried.

The Selinda Holt Fund of $100 is deposited in the Peterboro Savings bank and the interest is to be used in the care of the Job Hill burial lot.

The Daniel B. Cutter Fund of $300 is deposited in the Peterboro Savings bank and the interest is to be used in the care of the burial lot of Daniel B. Cutter.

The Lucretia Brackett Fund of $300 was deposited in the Contoocook Valley Savings bank, the interest to be used in the care of the Lucretia Brackett burial lot. The bank has during the last year paid a dividend of $61.52, which amount the selectmen now hold in a cashier's check of the First National bank of Peterboro.

The Jesse Upton Fund of $200 is held by the selectmen in a cashier's check of the First National bank of Peterboro. The interest is to be used in the care of the Jesse Upton burial lot.

The Lewis Johnson Fund of $50 is held by the selectmen in a cashier's check of the First National bank of Peterboro. The interest is to be used in the care of the Lewis Johnson burial lot. No interest has been received the past year from any of these accounts, because the banks in which the money was deposited are in the hands of the court, and the checks have not been deposited for the same reason.

HOWARD M. HERSEY,
EZRA M. SMITH,
CHARLES B. DAVIS, } Selectmen of Peterboro.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

CHARLES McCOY in account with the Town of Peterboro.

DR.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1896,	200 00	
Received from sale of liquors,	1,945 12	
Received from sale of barrels, jugs, etc.,	13 15	
		2,158 27

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Paid for liquors,	1,474 39	
Jugs, kegs, boxes, etc.,	7 05	
Freight and cartage,	9 36	
Book and stationery,	70	
Selectmen,	466 77	
Cash in hands of Agent,	200 00	
		2,158 27

CHARLES McCOY, Liquor Agent.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

M. E. Osborn, Road Agent, in account with the Town of Peterboro.

Receipts.

Cash from selectmen,	3,115 65	
" " sale of plank,	15 68	
		3,131 33

Expenditures.

1895.		
Paul Burke,	3 70	
G. W. Farrar & Son,	6 90	
E. C. Hanson,	2 77	
W. T. Lawrence,	2 25	
Longley Bros.,	3 90	
J. Leslie,	4 40	
		23 92
1896.		
M. E. Osborn,	456 26	
Anderson & Son,	30 80	
E. W. Alexander,	18 10	
D. R. Alexander,	8 25	
C. A. Bragdon,	64 90	
G. T. Beal,	9 68	
G. O. Barber,	22 01	
Joel T. Brackett,	4 85	
Paul Burke,	13 86	
W. C. Blanchard,	12 00	
F. A. Clement,	3 15	
E. W. Cass,	215 00	
J. M. Collins,	18 15	
Cavanaugh Bros.,	100 10	
C. W. Carll,	52 95	
E. M. Cram,	59 59	
C. B. Davis,	4 00	
J. F. Dunklee,	11 85	
Geo. Edwards,	2 25	
Geo. Foote,	1 60	
W. T. Flint,	55 12	
Frank Freeman,	1 20	
Chas. N. Foster,	1 95	
G. W. Farrar & Son,	13 89	
Curtis Flagg,	68 25	
A. O. Frost,	4 63	
Augustus Flagg,	31 00	
Franklin Field,	3 00	
W. S. Goodnow,	1 55	
S. C. Green,	3 50	
C. W. Hunter,	61 11	
Will Hill,	161 70	
Geo. Hunt,	13 60	
A. T. Hovey,	218 85	
J. M. Hastings,	96 03	
Lyman Hall,	13 30	
T. N. Hunt,	38 95	
Henry Howe,	1 20	
E. C. Hanson,	3 65	

E. María Hadley,	4 25	
C. A. Jaquith,	14 35	
John Jarvais,	5 93	
Geo W. Kimball,	7 58	
W. A. Knight,	134 86	
Milton Kenzie,	1 72	
Longley Bros.,	8 45	
Freeman Levoy,	33 00	
J. Leslie,	2 59	
John E. May,	45 96	
W. W. Munkittrick.	35 55	
Rufus Moore,	8 45	
C. M. Moore,	3 00	
N. G. Methley,	1 35	
H. W. McCoy,	7 92	
C. F. Miller,	5 97	
C. S. Mitchell,	10 95	
John Murray,	13 32	
D. F. Nelson,	37 15	
J. C. Naglie & Co.,	25 05	
John O. Nay,	8 54	
S. M. Nahor,	11 30	
Nichols Bros.,	3 22	
H. F. Nichols,	2 50	
Frank Parker,	3 52	
Lyman Parker,	16 35	
E. M. Ramsey,	2 63	
Bernard St. John,	5 40	
Wm. E. Shattuck,	90	
W. H. Spaulding,	1 50	
E. A. Robbins & Son,	80 75	
James Sounia,	2 25	
Smith Bros.,	16 45	
A. L. Shattuck,	174 58	
Patrick Sanders,	147 23	
J. B. Shedd,	18 35	
J. F. Smiley,	67	
Wm. H. Scott,	5 48	
Chas. Smith.	24 00	
Aleck Smith,	26 70	
A. Townsend,	68 06	
Walbridge & Taylor,	6 13	
F. E. Taggart,	15 50	
G. W. Vinall,	106 86	
Geo. H. Vinall,	7 68	
Chas. Varnum,	1 65	
Fred Varnum,	4 50	
John H. Vose,	9 00	
S. W. Vose,	1 73	
Geo. A. Wilkins,	4 75	
Chas. Wilder,	3 00	
James M. Wilder,	1 50	
S. G. White,	8 00	
Joseph Moran,	3 75	
G. H. Roberts,	3 75	
		3,107 41
		3,131 33

M. E. OSBORN, Road Agent.

Concrete on Pine Street.

RECEIPTS.

Cash of Selectmen,	204 88

EXPENDITURES.

A. L. Shattuck, concreting 372½ yds., at 55c. per yard,	204 88

M. E. OSBORN, Road Agent.

REPORT OF POLICE COURT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF PETERBORO, GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Police Justice from Feb. 15, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897.

DR.

To fees received in criminal cases,	52 67	
Received for blanks sold,	6 90	
Fines in criminal cases,	30 00	
Fees in civil cases,	17 96	
		107 53

CR.

10½ months salary from Feb. 15, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897,	131 25	
R. B. Hatch, for warrants,	8 00	
J. F. Brennan, "	4 00	
	143 25	
Balance due justice,		35 72
		143 25

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SCOTT, Justice.

EBEN W. JONES, Special Justice of the Police Court in account with the Town of Peterboro.

DR.

Costs received in criminal cases,	3 00	
Fines " " "	10 00	
		13 00

CR.

Services,	4 00	
Cash paid Selectmen,	9 00	
		13 00

EBEN W. JONES, Special Justice.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

GEO. P. DUSTAN, Overseer of Poor, in account with the Town of Peterboro.

DR.

Cash of Selectmen,		474 45
" " S. W. Nichols,		2 34

CR.

Aid furnished Mrs. James Clinton,	58 13	
" Geo. J. Brackett,	103 00	
" Fred Murry,	104 00	
" Timothy Saunders,	55 38	
" Noble Follansbee,	1 70	
" Thomas Follansbee,	5 00	
" Mrs. J. Ragan,	4 79	
" Francis Whittemore,	59 01	
" J. C. Parsons,	54 60	
Tramps,	27 28	
Two trips to Manchester and one to Nashua to settle with Commissioners,	13 66	
	486 55	476 79
	476 79	
	9 76	

GEO. P. DUSTAN, Overseer of Poor.

REPORT ON PIANO.

A. C. LEATHE, in account with the town of Peterboro.

DR.

Received from St. Peters' church concert,	2 00	
Mrs. Tom Thumb entertainment,	2 00	
Mrs. C. H. Cutler, kirmess,	2 50	
A. E. Burgess, dramatic,	4 00	
		10 50

CR.

Paid work,	2 00	
Repairing case,	35	
Tuning,	2 50	
"	2 50	
"	2 50	
Selectmen,	65	
		10 50

A. C. LEATHE, Agent.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Received from selectmen, cash in treasury,	2,496 74	
Deposit in Peterboro Savings Bank,	155 32	
Licenses for billiard and pool tables,	70 00	
Licenses for shows,	31 50	
Rent of town hall,	239 55	
" stores,	800 00	
" piano,	65	
Liquor agent,	466 77	
Pine Hill Cemetery,	2 75	
Police court,	9 00	
Sale of road machine,	16 00	
Sale of lamps and posts,	7 95	
From Wm. Holden for dog killing sheep,	20 00	
Proceeds of notes to First Nat. Bank,	8,000 00	
		12,316 23
Received from state:		
Insurance tax,	272 25	
Railroad tax,	797 19	
Savings bank tax,	3,787 82	
Literary fund,	273 70	
		5,132 96
Received from town clerk:		
Licences on dogs,	305 68	
Pine Hill Cemetery lots,	105 00	
		410 68
O. A. Willey, collector:		
Tax 1895,	1,095 71	
Tax 1896,	22,526 10	
Interest on tax,	84 79	
		23,706 60
		41,566 47

Cr.

Paid selectmen's orders, 1895,	188 91	
Selectmen's orders, 1896,	14,960 29	
Notes at First Nat. bank,	10,500 00	
Interest on notes,	312 83	
Town bonds, issue 1878,	2,800 00	
Coupons, " "	1,910 00	
Coupons, water bonds,	687 00	
Interest on water bonds, by orders,	9 41	
State tax,	3,850 00	
County tax,	3,736 01	
Deposit in Peterboro Savings Bank,	155 32	
		39,108 77
Cash in treasury to balance,		2,457 70
		41,566 47

Peterboro Water System.

Received of selectmen for bonds sold,	50,600 00	
Materials sold,	71 96	
Water rent,	77 25	
		50,749 21

Cr.

Paid selectmen's orders,	50,084 62	
Cash, balance in treasury,	664 59	
		50,749 21

LEWIS P. WILSON, Town Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, auditors of town accounts for the Town of Peterboro, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Justice of the Police Court, Library Committee, Overseer of the Poor, Road Agent and Town Treasurer and find them correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the account of the Liquor Agent and find vouchers for all purchases, and that he has paid to the Selectmen $466.77 and has $200.00 in his hands.

CHAS. H. BROOKS,
W. G. LIVINGSTON,
C. A. JAQUITH,
} Auditors of Town Accounts.

Peterboro, N. H., Feb. 24, 1897.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICERS.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Peterboro:—Your Health Officers for the year just ended have attended to their duties, and, as in other years, have had the hearty coöperation of our citizens in their efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the town. We have been comparatively free from epidemics of contagious diseases. One case of scarlet fever, four of typhoid fever, and a few cases each of measles, mumps and chicken pox make up the list.

Our death rate for the year was 17.6—too high for a town like Peterboro, although somewhat lower than the average for the state.

Of the 44 deaths in 1896, twenty-four were of persons over sixty years of age and nine were of children under two.

The following table gives the ten leading causes of death and the number of deaths resulting from each :

Heart Disease,	9
Pneumonia,	4
Still Births,	4
Consumption,	3
Apoplexy,	3
Cancer,	3
Gastro-Enteritis,	3
Bright's Disease,	2
Accidents,	2
Old Age,	2

C. J. ALLEN, } Health
GEO. P. DUSTAN, } Officers.

Town of Peterboro in account with C. J. Allen, Secretary of Board of Health.

Cr.

May,	Order from Selectmen,	10 00

Dr.

May 14,	Analysis of water from Fitzpatrick's well,	3 30	
June 8,	Burying three horses,	6 00	
16,	Burying one horse,	1 00	
Oct. 19,	Analysis of water from G. J. Brackett's well,	3 30	
			13 60
	Balance due C. J. Allen,		3 60

Received the above balance in full.

C. J. ALLEN.

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Peterboro:

At the last annual town meeting the town voted to construct a system of water works during the year 1896, substantially according to a plan reported by a committee chosen one year previously.

The town voted to issue 3 per cent. bonds to the amount of $60,000 for the purpose of paying the expense of the system.

Thomas B. Tucker, Andrew J. Walbridge and Eben W. Jones were chosen water commissioners for one, two and three years, respectively.

The board of water commissioners organized by choosing Thomas B. Tucker, chairman, and Daniel M. White, clerk.

When the time came that it was necessary to act if the works were to be constructed during the year 1896, a comparatively small amount of bonds had been subscribed for.

Several contractors intimated that if they could get the contract for constructing the whole system they would subscribe for bonds equal in amount to their contract.

Plans and specifications were prepared and a number of contractors were invited to make bids on that basis; the bids to be opened at one o'clock, June 1st. At that time two bids were received, and were as follows:

C. F. Parks, $53,000; The C. H. Eglee Co., $45,000. Having ascertained that The C. H. Eglee Co. were responsible and reputable contractors and believing that their bid was advantageous to the town a contract was made with that company.

The terms of the contract were, in brief, that the C. H. Eglee Co. should furnish all material and perform all the labor necessary to construct the system, according to plans and specifications, for the lump sum of $45,000.

They were to take their pay in 3 per cent. Peterboro town bonds at their par value. They were to give the bond of the American Surity Company in the sum of $15,000 guaranteeing the performance of the work according to contract, and also to leave with the committee $500 in cash to guarantee the works for six months after completion.

With the contractors and also with Mr. Scripture, who took bonds for the reservoir site, it was understood, so far as accrued interest was concerned, that the bonds were to be taken as of July first.

Work was commenced June 22d, and the last Italian left town Thanksgiving day.

Early in the season, after getting prices from several engineers, Messrs. Bartlett & Gay of Manchester, N. H., were engaged

to make plans and specifications and to act as engineers, Mr. F. A. Gay of the firm being the active member on the works. We are pleased to say that we have no reason to regret our choice. He has given us faithful and efficient service.

Our relations with the contractors have been pleasant and we believe that they have furnished good material and constructed the system in a first class manner.

Since the contractors left town there has been no break in the pipes and no accident has happened to the system.

The firemen have tried the hydrants in different parts of the village and found the fire service all that was anticipated.

Seventy-nine service connections have been made, including public buildings and two watering troughs. About twenty services are paying this winter.

Several persons have signified their purpose of taking a hose faucet for use in putting out any incipient fire which may occur on their premises. We believe this is a matter worthy of the consideration of every householder in this village.

Rules and regulations have been established such as are common in other places. The rates, although not so low as in some cities, are as low as in other towns of this size.

Appended to this report will be found an analysis of the water from Town Line Brook by James F. Babcock, formerly state assayer of Massachusetts.

Considerable more work remains to be done which should be charged to the construction account, such as fencing the dam and reservoir sites, grubbing out above the dam, service connections, &c.

After asking for bids from several parties we awarded the superintendency of the water works to Samuel W. Nichols, he being the lowest bidder. He is appointed for one year from Jan. 1, 1897, at a salary of $200, and is to put in all street service connections at a contract price of nine dollars each, and to furnish tools and material necessary for making the service connections.

A town water system is of such magnitude and importance that it may be desirable to bring together all matter relating to its history and give a full and detailed report of the construction of the system.

Believing that, if such a report is to be made, it should be deferred until the system is fully completed, your commissioners submit this brief report.

The list of bills approved by the commissioners will be found in the Selectmens' report.

We submit the following financial statements:

Financial Report.

Land and land damages:		
Paid A. C. Wheelwright,	$200 00	
Geo. S. Morison,	115 00	
John Stone,	50 00	
Geo. P. Cummings,	50 00	
Curtis F. Flagg,	25 00	
Elijah Woodward,	50 00	
Geo. H. Scripture,	1000 00	
P. C. Cheney, trustee Whitney estate,	70 00	
Hubert Brennan,	25 00	
		$1,585 00
Contract:		
Paid The C. H. Eglee Co. as per contract,	45,000 00	
The C. H. Eglee Co., extra work and material,	500 00	
		45,500 00
Engineers' services:		
Paid Bartlett & Gay,	2,300 00	
		2,300 00
Miscellaneous expenses:		
Paid John Scott, printing,	16 50	
James F. Babcock, water analysis,	25 00	
Edmund R. Angell, water analysis,	3 30	
Daniels & Downes, typewriting specifications,	18 00	
Boston Bank Note and Lithographing Co, printing bonds,	90 00	
R. B. Hatch, advice,	6 00	
S. Anderson & Son, stakes, etc.,	25 33	
H. F. Nichols, livery,	12 00	
Alvin Townsend, teams,	36 40	
S. W. Nichols, services, etc.,	37 75	
D. M. White, services as clerk, etc.,	49 51	
T. B. Tucker, reimbursement money paid out,	22 05	
A. J. Walbridge, " " " "	21 65	
E. W. Jones, " " " "	20 38	
		383 87
Services of commissioners:		
T. B. Tucker,	108 75	
A. J. Walbridge,	61 50	
E. W. Jones,	221 50	
		391 75
Cost of Works.		
Land and land damages,	1,585 00	
Contractors,	45,500 00	
Engineers' services,	2,300 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	383 87	
Services of commissioners,	391 75	
		50,160 62
Material on hand,	250 00	
Cash received for material sold,	71 96	
		321 96
Total cost of works to date,		49,838 66

CASH ACCOUNT.

To cash received for material sold,	71 96	
To cash received for water rents,	77 25	
Cash paid selectmen,		149 21

We have also on hand $500 guaranty money belonging to The C. H. Eglee Co.

THOMAS B. TUCKER,
ANDREW J. WALBRIDGE,
EBEN W. JONES,
} Water Commissioners.

Peterborough, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

BOSTON, MAY 20, 1896.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, PETERBORO, N. H.

GENTLEMEN:—The following are the results of my analysis of a specimen of water sent by you:

Parts per 100,000.	
Total Solids,	3.28 parts
Organic Matter,	1.03 "
Hardness,	0.60
Chlorine,	0.32 "
Free Ammonia,	none
Albumenoid Ammonia,	.009 "
Nitrates,	trace
Nitrites,	none

The mineral salts contained in this water are simply the ordinary salts found in most spring and pond waters and consist (in part) of

Potassium Sulphate,
Sodium Chloride,
Calcium Sulphate,
Alumina,
Silica.

The water is one of considerable purity. It contains no constituents in any way objectionable. There is no indication of contamination by any source of organic impurity. The water is soft for washing, and is a desirable and healthful water for drinking. For all the purposes of a town supply, domestic uses, manufacturing, boiler use, etc., it is, in all respects, a pure and satisfactory water. I have no hesitation in recommending it to the town of Peterboro as a source of supply.

Respectfully,

JAMES F. BABCOCK.

TOWN WARRANT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Peterboro Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

2nd. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for the laying out and repairing of highways, and for all necessary charges arising within the town and appropriate the same.

3d. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the fire department, public library, for lighting the streets, town hall and library, and for the Grand Army on Memorial day.

4th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate toward paying the town debt and interest.

5th. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to enforce the law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any other action relating thereto.

7th. To see if the town will vote to call in the bonds issued under the vote of the town of March 13th, 1878, and issue new bonds bearing interest at not more than four per cent. per annum, or take any other action in relation to issuing new bonds.

8th. To see if the town will vote to put in a concrete side walk from Pine street to the house of Mrs. Jaquith on Granite street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9th. To see if the town will vote to extend the electric lights on Concord street by adding three more lights north of the present lights, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

10th. To see if the town will vote to build a building in which to store the road machines, snow roller, hearse, and other tools belonging to the town, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

11th. To see what action the town will take in relation to erecting guide boards.

12th. To see if the town will vote to accept the legacy of the late Abby S. White, the interest to be used for the care of the burial lot of the late Wm. F. White.

13th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to put in a wall on the west bank of the Contoocook river, beginning at the west abutment of the railroad bridge to protect Summer street, or take any action relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, A. D., 1897.

HOWARD M. HERSEY,
EZRA M. SMITH,
CHARLES B. DAVIS,
} Selectmen of Peterboro.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Peterboro qualified to Vote in District Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on Saturday the thirteenth day of March next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

2d. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

3d. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

4th. To choose two auditors for the ensuing year.

5th. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing year.

6th. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

7th. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

8th. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to provide suitable furniture, books, maps, charts, apparatus and conveniences for schools.

9th. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to make repairs on school houses or other school property.

10th. To see if the district will vote to insure any of the school houses or other school property, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

11th. To see if the district will authorize the school board to sell the old school house in district No. 4, so called, near the house of Albert Frost.

12th. To choose agents or committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of February, A. D., 1897.

JOHN H. VINCENT,
EDWIN H. TAYLOR,
DEFOREST SAFFORD,
} School Board.

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen :—In compliance with an act of the Legislature, passed June session, 1887, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following :

Births registered in the Town of Peterborough, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896	Name of child	Sex	No. of child	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan 11	'	F	1	Will. C Swinington	Lina A Carey	Peterboro	Plumber	Greenfield N H	So Londonderry Vt
25		F	2	Frank E Clukay	Annie Murphy	"	Operative	Lyndeboro N H	Ireland
28		F	7	Michael O'Mealy	Eliza Brooks	Greenf'ld&Pet.	Soapstone w'ks		Canada
31	Christine G	F	1	Charles W Abbott	MargaretJMcDonald	Peterboro	Laborer	Andover Mass	Nova Scotia
Feb 5	Louiza E	F	1	Gustave E Werner	Olivia F Wright	"	Piano key fin'r	Germany	New York
26	Mabel Edna	F	4	Henry E Todd	Rosa Collins	"	Laborer	Hancock N H	Golden Mo
29	Marguerite M	F	4	Edwin M Ramsey	Nellie M Smith	"	Machinist	Peterboro	Marlow N H
Mar 4	Charlotte M	F	1	Arthur H. Spaulding	Mary B Morrison	"	Clerk	Milford N H	Peterboro
7		F	5	James Sounia	Emma StJohn	"	Laborer	Nova Scotia	Canada
7	Ellen	F	4	Charles Donovan	Bridget Lowry	"	Stone mason	England	Ireland
Apr 13	Lawrence	M	6	John Holden	Ellen Murphy	"	Weaver	England	Ireland
17	Mary	F	1	Fred Morrill	Alphonse Martin	"	Weaver	Wentworth N H	Canada
May 25	Maud B	F	1	Robert F McGilvray	Grace M Roberts	"	Laborer	Peterboro	Jaffrey N H
25		M	6	George E Davis	Anna E Lord	"	Laborer	Hartland Vt	Canada
26	Carlisle C	M	1	James M Carley	Eva Hartshorn	"	Operative	Peterboro	Wilton N H
28		F	2	Algernon L Holt	Annie G Green	"	Painter	Greenfield N H	Haverhill Mass
June 12		F	4	Clarence W Fuller	Emma Bousley	"	Teamster	Peterboro	New York
21	Ruth Mae	F	1	Alfred E Frederick	Leora MWan'amak'r	"	Laborer	Jaffrey N H	St John N B
22		M	1	Henry O Bowen	Nancy E Blair	"	Laborer	Stoddard N H	New York
23	Augusta	F	1	August Rausch	Lizzie Gaudert	"	Piano maker	Germany	New York City
25	June Gertrude	F	3	William F Hill	Carrie B Flagg	"	Teamster	Milford N H	Mason N H
26	Alice Marie	F	2	Wait L Livingston	Emma Halstead	"	Clerk	Peterboro	Charlestown Ohio
30	Harry	M	5	William Jellig	Carrie Fusche	"	Piano maker	New York City	New York City

June	30	George	M	6	William Jellig	Carrie Fusche	Peterboro	Piano maker	New York City	New York City
July	3	George	M	8	James Emery	Carrie Durant	"	Farmer	Canada	Canada
	5	Isabel Gertrude	F	1	Fred'ck G Livingston	Mary G Lawrence	"	Bank Cashier	Peterboro	Auburn Mass
	25	Guy M	M	2	Charles F Bacon	Ella M Willey	Chatano'gaTen	Elec'l Operator	Vershire Vt	Antrim N H
Aug	4	Henry	M	5	John H Greenwood	Susan Evans	Peterboro	Weaver	England	England
	27	Cora	F	3	Gregory Bourgoine	Delia Gilman	"	Operative	Canada	Canada
Sept	4	George Kimball	M	2	Jesse M Wright	Clara Kimball	Orleans Mass	Farmer	Brookline N H	Slaterville Mass
	9	Bruce Albert	M	3	Alfred H Robbins	Mary A Bruce	Peterboro	Piano Polisher	Winchendon Mass	New Ipswich N H
	20	Frank	M	1	John B Beals	Maud E Corkum	" "	Baker	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
	20	Flossie J	F	3	Otis J Towne	Alice Mosher	"	Farmer	Hancock N H	Nova Scotia
	22	Simeon T	M	4	Simeon T Green	Ellen J Heath	"	Farmer	Bow N H	Jaffrey N H
	24		M	6	Benjamin F Hall	Stella Morrison	"	Farmer	Stoddard N H	Peterboro
	26	George Keran	M	2	Michael Eagan	Sarah M Rafferty	"	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
Oct	17	George C	M	5	Benjamin R Jewel	Eliza S Brown	"	R R Conductor	P E Island	P E Island
	19		M	3	Charles A Bragdon	Annie F May	"	Farmer	Lowell Mass	Nova Scotia
	20	Nettie V	F	3	Frank A Gray	Alice M Bailey	"	Brakeman	Bennington N H	Jaffrey N H
	22	Lewis Henry	M	2	John A Shea	Jessie E Fellows	"	R R Fireman	Keene N H	Keene N H
	31	Asenath	F	2	John F Alexander	Mae I Work	"	Farmer	Manchester N H	Carmel Me
Nov	7	Earl Clark	M	2	Ervin G Bagley	Eva Mae Clark	"	Carpenter	Warner N H	Antrim N H
	17	William John	M	2	Wm J C McLaughlin	Ella E Puffer	"	Laborer	Peterboro	Fitchburg Mass
	24	Doris May	F	1	John C Diamond	Katie B Collins	"	Basket Maker	Peterboro	Keene N H
	26		M	3	Carl H Foster	Gertrude H Kyes	"	Undertaker	Newport Vt	Peterboro
	30	Alice Hilda	F	5	True Johnson	Hattie Squires	"	Laborer	Weare N H	Croydon N H
Dec	2	Arthur P	M	5	Joseph Sounia	Fannie Peruse	"	Farmer	Nova Scotia	Canada
	3	Joseph J	M	1	Jerrey Homes	Georgiana Douval	"	Operative	Canada	Canada
	3		F	1	Albert A Foote	Mary Jane Dorman	"	Farmer	Francestown N H	Peterboro
	4	Alfred	M	1	Andrew Petterson	Freda Johnson	"	Laborer	Sweeden	Sweeden
	6	Mildred Louise	F	1	Fred A Tracy	Jane Campbell	"	Merchant	Worcester Mass	Charlestown Mass
	7	Florence M	F	10	DeForest Safford	Delia Loveland	"	Clergyman	Royalton Vt	Fairfax Vt
	7	Louise M	F	1	Frank R Seavey	Nettie M Sheldon	"	Barber	Concord N H	Peterboro
	16	Berttie Albert	M	9	Alexander Durfield	Louise Bosley	"	Laborer	Canada	Canada
	22	James W	M	2	James Livesey	Bridget Murphy	"	Shoe Cutter	England	Scotland
	27	Henri Alice	F	3	Theodore T Masten	Katie B Goen	"	Laborer	New York	New Ipswich N H
	29	Hilda Mansfield	F	1	Daniel M White	Mary L Osgoode	"	Lawyer	Peterboro	Sherbrook P Q

Marriages Registered in the Town of Peterborough, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Place & date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Name and residence of person by whom married
Jan 20	Jerry Ormond	Peterboro	23	Laborer	Canada	Alex Ormand Eliza Buthrow	Canada "	Laborer	Rev Patrick J Scott East Jaffrey
East Jaffrey	Georgianna Duval	"	21		Canada	Augustus Duval Amelia Lepine	" "	Laborer	
Feb 12	Albert A Foote	"	22	Teamster	Francestown	Patrick M Foote Rebecca Whitfield	Francestown "	Teamster	Rev P R Crowell Greenfield
Greenfield	Mary Jane Dorman	"	21		Peterboro	Wm Dorman Mary M Lawrence	Burlington Vt Marlboro	Stone Mason	
March 11	Walter H Foote	"	32	Farmer	Francestown	Patrick M Foote Rebecca Whitfield	Francestown "	Teamster	Rev P R Crowell Greenfield
Greenfield	Mary E Duncklee	"	18		Peterboro	John F Duncklee Etta M Crosby	Hancock Peterboro	Farmer	
March 24	Hiram W Todd	"	55	Laborer	Hancock	John Todd Sylvina Knowlton	Hancock Dublin		Rev W H Gane Peterboro
Peterboro	Mattie A Bailey	Haverhill Mass	52		Watertown Mass	Daniel R Noyes Mary N ——	Newbury Mass Georgetown Mass		
March 26	Peter St Peter	Peterboro	21	Laborer	Canada	Luke St Peter Celia Perant	Canada "	Laborer	Rev C A Reed Peterboro
Peterboro	Mary L Le Pelle	"	21		Canada	Geo Le Pelle Mary Matten	" "	Carpenter	
April 6	Joseph Blair	"	25	Laborer	New York	John Blair Eliza Sweeney	Ireland New York		Rev W H Gane Peterboro
Peterboro	Rose Wright	Sharon	19		Sharon	John Bovis Matilda Bernard	Canada "	Laborer	
April 22	Charles H Cutler	Peterboro	27	Physici'n	Peterboro	John H Cutler Martha L Ryan	Rindge Jaffrey	Physician	Rev S B Dunn Shoreham Vt
Shoreham Vt	Helen N Bissell	Shoreham	23		Shoreham Vt	Edgar N Bissell Sophia Needham	Shoreham Vt Whiting Vt	Farmer	
May 5	Charles J Hagen	Peterboro	22	Pianokey Finisher	New York City	Charles Hagen Amelia Muller	Germany "	Piano Mf'r	Rev Patrick J Scott East Jaffrey
Peterboro	Katie B Jordan	"	21		Keene	David Jordan Margaret O'Brien	Kentucky Keene	Laborer	

May 21	Alfred Coriena	Peterboro	19	Laborer	Canada	Joseph Coriena	Canada	Laborer	Rev W H Gane
						Victoria Talbot	"		Peterboro
Peterboro	Ellen Morrill	"	17		Lyndonv'e Vt	Joseph Morrill	"		
						Sophia Bedford	"		
June 3	Arthur M Emmes	"	23	Printer	Winchester	John W Emmes	Boston Mass	Laborer	Rev G E Littlefield
						Adaline Morse	Blue Hill Me		Peterboro
Peterboro	Kate Steele	"	21		Peterboro	John H Steele	Peterboro	Merchant	
						Anna S Follansbee	"		
Aug 5	Archibald M Anderson	"	22	Builder	Shirley Mass	Samuel Anderson	New York City	Builder	Rev W H Gane
						Annie Cunningh'm	Lowell Mass		Peterboro
Peterboro	Gertrude H Martin	"	21		Peterboro	Jesse Martin	New Boston	Tailor	
						Mary P Osgood	Ashburnham Mass		
Sept 2	John W Derby	"	23	Clerk	W Swanzey	Webster D Derby	Hindsdale	Farmer	Rev W H Gane
						Harriet A Beals	Chesterfield		Peterboro
Peterboro	Eva M Wilkins	"	24		Milford	John C Wilkins	Woburn Mass	Cattle dea'r	
						Elmira A Felch	Sandwich		
Sept 9	Herbert L Flint	Fitchburg Mass	29	Patr'lm'n	Fitchburg Ms	S W Flint	Fitchburg Mass		Rev A Conklin
						Geraldine D Carter	Temple		Fitchburg Mass
Fitchburg Mass	Grace B Hardy	Peterboro	20		Peterboro	John I B F Hardy	Concord Mass		
						Maria J Goss	Lancaster Mass		
Sept 23	Perl A White	"	22	Machn'st	"	Samuel G White	Wilton	Machinist	Rev G E Littlefield
						Nancy C Carter	Peterboro		Peterboro
Peterboro	Mae F Britton	"	21		Keene	D D Britton	Swanzey	Conductor	
						Eliz'b'h E Waldron	Syracuse N Y		
Sept 29	Dana B Howe	"	23	Basket Maker	Peterboro	Elbridge Howe	Peterboro	Trusses	Rev W H Gane
						Heurietta Felch	Greenville		Peterboro
Peterboro	Eunice E Winship	"	25		Townsend Mass	Adron Winship	Mason	Farmer	
						Harriet R Robbins	"		
Oct 12	David Gotrell	"	18	Oper'tive	Canada	Dustie Gotrell	Canada		Rev P J Scott
						Lucele Lasone	"		East Jaffrey
East Jaffrey	Olive Bodoure	"	16		"	Adolph Bodoure	"	Operative	
						Julia Ommon	"		
Oct 22	Albert L Felch	"	29	Brak'm'n	North Weare	Hosea B Felch	North Weare	Engineer	Rev J H Vincent
						Mary L Clark	" "		Peterboro
Peterboro	Nellie Fitzpatrick	"	22			Dennis Fitzpatrick	Ireland		
						Bridget Murphy	"		
Oct 27	Elijah A Robbins	"	65	Bl'ksm'h	Milford	Leonard Robbins	Dunstable Mass		Rev H P Peck
						Roxana Burns	Wallingford Vt		Milford
Milford	Emma J Sweat	C'mb'ge Ms	56		Peterboro	Henry S Carter	Peterboro		
						Eunice H Searls			
Nov. 6	Edwin L Twitchell	Peterboro	50	Teamster	Dublin	Calvin Twitchell	Dublin		J F Brennan Esq
						Arvila Crossfield	Roxbury		Peterboro
Peterboro	Nettie Clark	Dublin	18		"	Preston T Clark	Augusta Me	Laborer	
						Sarah M Webber	Gloucester Mass		
Dec 14	Thomas R Bowen	Peterboro	23	Laborer	Munsonville	Thomas Bowen	Canada	Laborer	Rev J H Vincent
						Laura E Cilley	Nelson		Peterboro
Peterboro	Melvina Bovis	"	16		Jaffrey	Joseph Bovis	Canada	Laborer	
						——— Gadore	"		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Peterborough, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date		Names	Sex	S. M. and Wid	Years	Months	Days	Occupation	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth: Father	Place of Birth: Mother
Jan	4	Catherine A Fitzpatrick	F	S	24	3	9		Lawrence Mass	John Fitzpatrick	Ellen Dailey	Ireland	Ireland
	12	Mary W Little	F	W	69	1	2		Candia	Enoch Burbank			
	31	Charles St Gadore	M	M	89			Laborer	Canada	Joseph St Gadore	Josie Jarvert	Canada	Canada
Feb	13	John R Miller	M	M	67	3	7	Druggist	Peterboro	Jesse Miller	Asenath Bonner	Peterboro	Hancock
	17	George H Longley	M	M	63	10	13	Farmer	"	Jacob Longley	Hepsibeth Ames	Shirley Mass	Peterboro
	27	Catherine Creighton	F	M	40	11	14		Ireland	—— McDonnell		Ireland	Ireland
	28	Nancy Ann Frye	F	W	77	3	18		Bridgewater Vt	Ezra Cram	Sophia Huntley	Lyndeboro	Marlow
Mar	3	Mary L Conday	F	M	70	4	28		Peterboro	William Diamond	Lucinda Haggett	Peterboro	Peterboro
	27	Samuel B Twiss	M	W	67	4	23	Laborer	Plymouth				
Apr	2	Jackson Clement	M	M	67	6	17	Farmer	Andover Mass	Benjamin Clement	Mary Lovejoy	Plaistow	Andover Mass
	6	Ernest C Hunt	M	S	18	5	23		Peterboro	Timothy N Hunt	Elsie E Wilder	Peterboro	Peterboro
	17	George F Cheever	M	M	66	3	5	Horse tra'r	Alstead	James Cheever	Eloira Neverns		
	17	Mary Morrill	F	S					Peterboro	Fred Morrill	Alphonse Martin	Wentworth	Canada
	21	Betsey M Washburn	F	W	78		21		"	William White	Sarah Law	Peterboro	Sharon
	23	Sarah Putnam	F	W	83	2	22		Charlton Mass	David Rich	Mary Kimball		
	28	Elva M Dustan	F	M	34	2			Windsor	Geo D Chapman	Laura A Moore	Windsor	Greenfield
May	13	Fred D Gray	M	S	1		28		Peterboro	Frank A Gray	Alice M Bailey	Bennington	Jaffrey
	23	Orenus H Russell	M	M	57	9	18		Claremont	Stephen F Russell	Norrilla Cobern		
	25	—— Davis	M	S					Peterboro	George E Davis	Anna E Lord	Hartland Vt	Canada
	28	—— Holt	F	S					"	Algernon L Holt	Annie G Green	Greenfield	Haverhill Mass
	28	Mary Goddard Hunt	F	W	87	7	12		Swanzey	Edward Goddard	—— Demant	Swanzey	Swanzey
June	9	William H Longley	M	M	62		2	Farmer	Peterboro	Jacob Longley	Hepsibeth Ames	Shirley Mass	Peterboro
July	18	Christopher A Wheeler	M	W	82	3	20	Mechanic	Hancock	Abijah Wheeler	Lydia Ames		
	29	Lawrence Holden	M	S		3	16		"	John Holden	Ellen Murphy	England	Ireland
Aug	9	Nellie Estella Flagg	F	M	31	1	12		Mason	Andrew J Flagg	SophroniaA Shattuck	Mason	Washington
	13	Edna Mary Lawrence	F	S		8	13		Peterboro	Walter E Lawrence	Edna Mary Perry	New Ipswich	Dublin
	26	Robert S Dodge	M	W	89	3	13	Mechanic	New Boston	Robert Dodge			
	31	Dennis Fitzpatrick	M	W	60	3	14	Gardener	Ireland	Dennis Fitzpatrick	Margaret Crowley	Ireland	Ireland
Sept	16	Clara Clark	F	W	79	9	12		Dublin	Timothy Bullard	Lydia Bowers		
	22	Frank Beals	M	S			2		Peterboro	John B Beals	Maud E Corkum	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
	27	Clifford J Buzzell	M	S	1		7		"	James Buzzell	Flora L Woods		Peterboro
	28	Lucy Kendall Treadwell	F	M	74	5	5		Temple				

Oct	7	Carlisle Clarence Carley	M	S		4	7		Peterboro	James M Carley	Eva Hartshorn	Peterboro	Cambridge Mass
	12	Roswell F Brackett	M	S	1	5	5		"	George J Brackett	Myrtie M Kidder	Sharon	Francestown
	25	Adeline Collins	F	W	70		3		New York	Mitchell Little		Canada	Canada
	30	Annie Belle Brackett	F	S	3	4	21		Peterboro	George J Brackett	Myrtie M Kidder	Sharon	Francestown
Nov	6	Abigail Straw White	F	W	72	5	16		"	Calvin Washburn	Polly Straw	Vermont	Hopkinton
	20	Albert L Felch	M	M	29			Brakeman	North Weare	Hosea B Felch	Mary L Clark	North Weare	North Weare
	20	Maud E Beals	F	M	19		16		Nova Scotia	Lewis Corkum	Ada Colman	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
	24	Maria A Fuller	F	M	48				Pepperell Mass	Seth C Shattuck	Lucinda Irish	Ashby Mass	Chesterville N Y
	26	——— Foster	M	S			½		Peterboro	Carl H Foster	Gertrude H Kyes	Newport Vt	Peterboro
Dec	6	Sampson Washburn	M	M	68	1	15	Farmer	"	Reuben Washburn	Sally Tuttle	Hancock	Hancock
	23	John Cragin	M	M	65	1	21	"	"	Archelaus Cragin	Martha Hosler	Peterboro	"
	27	Marie Roemer	F	M	51	4	6		Germany	Karl Wesenborn		Germany	Germany

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